

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
CUSTOM TELECONNECT, INC. FOR A)	CERTIFICATE OF
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC01-041

On April 13, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from Custom Teleconnect, Inc. (CTI).

CTI proposes to offer inbound and outbound intraLATA and interLATA intrastate interexchange services and operator services to aggregators of pay telephone and hospitality locations. A proposed tariff was filed by CTI. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On April 19, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 4, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its June 19, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered CTI's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that CTI has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. CTI has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves CTI's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that CTI's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that CTI shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of June, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner